

# The Maine Libraries Conference Augusta Civic Center - May 6-9, 2000

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## Schedule

Saturday, May 6, 2000

**REGISTRATION 2:00-4:00pm**  
Maine Municipal Association  
(MMA)

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**SECTION MEETINGS- MMA**

(except CYASS which is tentatively scheduled at the Children's Discovery Museum, Water Street {downtown Augusta})

**4:00-6:00pm**

**AREA LIBRARY TOURS** - Maine State Library, Maine Law and Legislative Reference Library, Children's Discovery Museum, Hubbard Free Library and others TBA. See Tours section of general information for more information.

**\*\*6:30pm**

**WELCOMING GALA BUFFET**

Atrium, Maine State Library, Cultural Building. Come early for the tours and stay late to enjoy the company of your colleagues, good food and live music with MSL's own Dorothy Gregory at the piano. Meet new friends and share your ideas with the Governor whom we hope will be with us that evening. This event will be a great start to an even greater Conference. Please join us!!

Sunday, May 7, 2000

**8:00-5:00pm**

**Registration - - Civic Center**

**8:00-9:00 am**

**BREAKFAST - - Civic Center**

**9:00-10:00 am (Block 1)**

**10:15-11:15 am (Block 2)**

**11:15 am - 12:30 pm**

**EXHIBITS ONLY - - Civic Center**

**12:30 - 2:00 pm**

**LUNCH - - Civic Center Arena Dining Area**

**2:15 - 3:15 pm (Block 3)**

**3:30 - 4:30 pm (Block 4)**

**4:30 - 6:30 pm**

**EXHIBITS ONLY - - Civic Center Arena Vendors' Area**



## WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR ?

### OUR LOCATION

### DATES & DAYS OF CONFERENCE

### POST CONFERENCE SEMINARS

### TOURS & GALA AT MAINE STATE LIBRARY

### FREE SATURDAY EVENTS

Due to changes in the University schedule, this year's Maine Libraries Conference has been moved to a different weekend and location. We hope you will help us make the transition to this new venue a positive and enlightening experience for everyone. We have tried to maintain the best of what we had at Orono while adding some new, and hopefully creative, opportunities available in the Augusta area. Please read the information about Conference very carefully so that you will not miss any sessions and events that are important to you. We're excited about this chance to try something new and we want you to be excited too. Come, enjoy and share your impressions of The Maine Libraries Conference in Augusta. -The Conference Committee

### FREE SATURDAY EVENTS

Area libraries are excited about the Conference being in Augusta this year and several have offered to provide tours of their facilities as an enticement for conferees to come early.

### Tours Saturday, May 6th

#### Maine State Library

Tours from 4 to 6pm including a demonstration of the new ATM distance learning system being deployed to school and some libraries in Maine. The tours will be followed by a **Gala Buffet\*\*** in the atrium of the Cultural Building which will include, in addition to wonderful food and an opportunity to network, a possible visit from the Governor and great live piano music from our own resident piano celebrity, Dorothy Gregory, who has been called on several times to play at the Blaine House.

#### Maine State Law & Legislative Reference Library

Located in the State Capitol, the Law & Legislative Reference Library acts as a resource for the Legislature and provides legal and governmental information to all citizens of Maine. Although not probable it's possible that you might see the staff in real action if the Legislature is still in session. If not, it's a fascinating collection that you won't want to miss.

#### Children's Discovery Museum

Located in the "Vickery" on Water Street (downtown) Augusta the CDM provides programs for children that foster curiosity, creativity, imagination and self esteem. Many of CDM's exhibits support their hands-on philosophy that playing and learning really do go hand in hand. Tours will be available from 4-6pm on Saturday, May 6th and plans are almost complete for the Children and Young Adult Services section (CYASS) of MLA to hold their annual meeting at the Museum earlier in the afternoon on the 6th.

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## Hubbard Free Library

A short ride down Sewell St., Hubbard is housed in a wonderful gothic building that has served the citizens of Hallowell since 1880. (It is listed as the oldest *library building* built as a library in Maine.) The Maine Student Book Award collection will be on display. Tours from 3-5pm.

## Lithgow Public Library

Augusta's public library is located three blocks from the Capitol complex and houses its fine collection in a terrific Carnegie building. In fact Lithgow's Reading Room has been deemed one of the most beautiful interior spaces in Maine. Tours from 3-5pm.

## POST CONFERENCE SEMINARS

This year the Maine Libraries Conference is sponsoring a post-conference program which will consist of four day-long (9am-3pm) seminars. Scheduled for Tuesday, May 9th the seminars are: **Collection Development, Facilities Design for School Libraries, Nut & Bolts of Equipment Care and Technology Planning in the Public Library.** Specific information about the Seminars and a separate registration form are enclosed with this mailing. The seminars are designed to focus on a single important issue in the library community and will provide an opportunity for participants to explore and participate in the development of individualized plans and procedures for their own library. Participants must pre-register for these seminars in order to receive instructions and materials necessary for participation in the session selected. Registration is \$40 for this day-long event which includes snacks, materials and lunch.

## REGISTRATION

Questions about registration before conference should be directed to Cindy Wade or Joan Kiszely at Maine Municipal Association 1-800-452-8786 (or 623-8428, FAX 626-5947 Email: @memun.org). Joan and her staff will be handling registration including staffing the Registration Desk at the Civic Center. Conference committee members will also be available to help with any questions or problems including changes in programs; and a telephone hotline will be available at the Desk which will be staffed during the following times:

Saturday, May 6	2p.m. - 4p.m.	Maine Municipal Association
Sunday, May 7	8a.m. - 5p.m.	Augusta Civic Ctr.
Monday, May 8	8a.m. - Noon	Augusta Civic Ctr.

## MEALS

Because of Civic Center deadlines, the availability of meal tickets cannot be guaranteed for late registrations or walk-ins, so it is best to pre-register early to assure that you get the tickets you want. This will also allow you to take advantage of lower registration fees. Meal tickets, name badges and program booklets should be picked up at the Registration Desk when you arrive.

## EXHIBITS

Exhibits will be housed in the Vendor Area of the Civic Center Arena. We encourage everyone to visit the exhibits and will be providing a voucher that, when signed by 30 exhibitors, can be used to enter a drawing for cash prizes: **1st place - \$100.00, 2nd place - \$50.00, 3rd place - \$25.00.** Make the exhibitors happy by visiting with them and make yourself eligible to win one of the cash prizes. Exhibits will be open Sunday, 11:00-6:00, Monday, 10:00am-12 noon, 2:00-6:00pm **including a vendor sponsored all-conference reception from 4:30-5:30 in the Civic Center Arena.**

## AUCTION

We're planning to continue the **Silent Auction** again this year and would appreciate donations. Items available for bidding will be displayed in a separate room at the Civic Center where you may record your bids up to 5:00pm on Monday. Winning bidders should pick up their new prized possessions before leaving the Conference Monday evening. If you want to bid on something but can't stay to pick it up, please make arrangements with a colleague to collect your treasures. And don't forget that we take Mastercard and VISA too!

## REFUNDS

Requests for refunds MUST be in writing and received by April 25th. A \$10 service charge will be deducted from each refund payment. Refunds will be mailed after the Conference. Refunds of institutional checks will be sent directly to the institution. Exceptions will be granted at the discretion of the conference co-chairs.

## CEUs

The Maine State Library provides an opportunity for conferees to receive CEUs for participation in this Conference. CEU forms should be picked up at the Registration desk by those interested in receiving CEUs. The application and required attachments must be returned to MSL by July 1, 2000 to receive credit.

## SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 7, 2000 con't

6:30 - 9:00 pm

Dinner - - Civic Center Arena Dining Area

Speaker: Dr. Elliot Engel

Dr. Engel has published numerous books and articles on England and America. His mini-series on Dickens ran on PBS and he is well known as a scholar and teacher. He has also written two plays and lectured on literary topics throughout the United States and the world.

Monday, May 8, 2000

7:00 - 8:45 am

BREAKFAST - - Civic Center Arena Dining Area

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETINGS: MLA & MASL

8:00 - Noon

Registration--Civic Center

9:00 - 10:00 am (Block 5)

10:15 - 11:15 am (Block 6)

11:15 am - 12:15 pm

EXHIBITS ONLY - - Civic Center Arena Vendors' Area

12:15 - 1:45 pm

LUNCH - - Civic Center Arena Dining Area

Speaker: Laura Rankin, "Laura Rankin's Reality: Musings from the Cat Planet"

Maine children's book author and illustrator Laura Rankin is known for such children's books as *Merl & Jasper's Supper Caper* and *The Handmade Counting Book*. The *Handmade Alphabet*. Laura Rankin's striking interpretation of *American Sign Language's manual alphabet*, was called a *glorious success* by *Publishers Weekly* and was named an *ALA Notable Children's Book* and a *Boston GlobeHorn Book Nonfiction Honor Book*, among many honors. Laura Rankin has been inspired to create books about ASL by her experience with her stepson, who is deaf and whose life changed dramatically when he learned to sign at age eighteen. Laura Rankin lives in southern Maine.

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4:15 - 6:15 pm

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Arena Vendors' Area**

4:30 - 5:30pm

**All Conference Reception - Civic  
Center Vendors Area**

6:30 - 9:00 pm

**Dinner - - Civic Center Arena Din-  
ing Area**

**Speaker: Paul MacMasters**

**Paul McMasters of the Freedom  
Forum lectures and speaks fre-  
quently before a variety of groups,  
has testified before Congress and  
was selected to deliver one of the  
Bill of Rights Lecture Series spon-  
sored by the Virginia Human Rights  
Foundation. In addition Mr.  
McMasters has published many  
pieces about First Amendment free-  
doms. He will discuss fading sup-  
port for free speech and other as-  
pects of intellectual freedom.**

**Tuesday, May 9, 2000**

8:30 - 3:00pm

**Post Conference Seminars - Civic  
Center (See Post Conference Semi-  
nar information and registration  
form at end of program listing.)**

## HOUSING

Since there is no on-campus housing in the Augusta area **all conferees must make their own arrangements for overnight accommodations.** A list of area hotels and motels that have been contacted about providing rooms at special "Conference Rates" can be found below. **Please remember that it is up to you to call for reservations and that in order to receive the special rates noted you must ask for them.** And remember too that this is not an exhaustive list, there are other options in Waterville/Augusta area.

### Hotels With Conference Rates

#### **Comfort Inn**

281 Civic Center Drive  
Augusta, Maine 04330  
Tel. (207) 623-1000

Single:	\$66.00
Double:	\$66.00

#### **Motel 6**

Western Ave.  
Augusta, Maine 04330  
Tel. (207) 622-0000

Single:	\$33.99
Double:	\$39.99
Triple:	\$42.99
Quad:	\$45.99

#### **Senator**

Western Avenue at Interstate 95  
Augusta, Maine 04330  
Tel. (207) 622-5804

	2 Double Beds	King & Pullout Sofa	Queen
Single:	\$ 89.00	\$ 89.00	\$ 79.00
Double:	\$ 99.00	\$ 99.00	\$ 89.00
Triple:	\$109.00	\$109.00	\$ 99.00
Quad:	\$119.00	\$119.00	\$109.00

#### **Super 8**

626 Western Avenue  
Augusta, Maine 04330  
Tel. (207) 626-2888

Single	\$46.69
Double	\$52.99

#### **Travel Lodge (formerly Augusta Inn)**

39 Western Avenue  
Augusta, Maine 04330  
Tel. (207) 622-6371

Single/Double	\$59.95
Single/Double (w/ Microwave & Fridge)	\$79.99

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### **SUNDAY, May 7, 2000**

#### **WEB SITE DESIGN**

Discussion of such basic design elements as graphics, typography, layout, navigation and interactivity.

#### **CONFERENCE ORIENTATION**

Anyone new at (or otherwise unfamiliar with) Conference can get the scoop on programs being offered on Sunday and Monday. It's fun, it's informative, it's for you! Prizes will be given away, too.

#### **PLANNING AND MANAGING FOR RESULTS**

A panel will introduce the concept and give an overview of training opportunities which will be available during the upcoming year. (R)

An (R) at the end of a description indicates that the program will be offered more than once.

#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL**

As a public library Trustee, did you have an orientation, do you have a job description? Come to this program to discuss these issues and more.

#### **EXTENDING AND ENHANCING CHILDREN'S LITERATURE WITH OBJECTS**

The story spinners provide a blend of creative talents to present a workshop filled with wonderful ideas, resources and lots of fascinating stories. (R)

#### **NAVIGATING PERMANENT WHITEWATER - ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE IN LIBRARIES**

This program will discuss the effects of change on libraries and library staff at all levels, and propose methods and attitudes that enable workgroups to successfully initiate, lead and manage the evolutionary change process. (R)

#### **WHAT'S NEW AT THE LEARNING MATERIALS AND LISTENING CENTER AT FOGLER LIBRARY?**

A session devoted to the services available at the LMLC which will also include brainstorming and discussion about the state-wide needs of school library media specialists.

#### **THE MSAD40 SCHOOL/PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSORTIUM**

In 1999, the public & school librarians in MSAD40 met to discuss forming a borrowing consortium. Join some of the participants who will share the "how & why" of the process, as well as the benefits they perceive to have been gained.

#### **HOW DO I GET READY FOR E-RATE?**

Join the E-Rate Team in creating a prioritized "To Do" list for the next E-rate cycle. Bring your tech plan, SPIN #s, ideas for new technology, problems with previous filings and get a head start on the next cycle.

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## WRITING FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS - AUTHOR PANEL

Join a panel of writers as they discuss their experiences of the trials and tribulations of writing for the non-adult reader. After the program, the authors will be available for book signing in the Vendor's Exhibit Area.

## ONCE A YEAR, EVERY YEAR: A RATIONALE FOR ANNUAL BOARD ORIENTATIONS

The panel of presenters will address (1) How annual orientations *should* be conducted for a Board of Trustees; (2) How they are actually conducted; (3) why there is a difference; and, (4) what can be done to correct the problem.

## COAST TO COAST TO COAST: EXPLORATIONS IN CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL LITERATURE

Explore the variety of children's literature that celebrates nature with an emphasis on the ecosystems of the northeastern United States. Ideas for use with storytimes and classrooms, and an annotated bibliography will be provided.

## GOVERNING VS ADVISORY: AREN'T ALL TRUSTEE BOARDS CREATED EQUAL?

Come listen to a panel discussion featuring library directors and trustees who are working with advisory boards and governing boards. This will be a primer on what the legitimate expectations are for both types of trustee boards. (R)

## BOOKS FOR THE BEAST: A Y.A. LITERATURE PROJECT

A discussion of the process of developing and managing a project which involved reading and reviewing dozens of Y.A. titles and preparing to serve on a "Best Books" panel at the *Books for the Beast* conference.

## THE STABILITY OF THE "HOLLAND OCCUPATIONAL CODES" AND LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALISTS

A review of the results of a research project (pilot study) that investigated the stability of "Holland's Occupational Codes" for Library Media Specialists to determine if the personality profile for this group was consistent with current coding, or whether it has changed over the past decade. (R)

## THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD: A PRESCRIPTION FOR PROGRAMMING PROFICIENCY WITH YOUNG ADULTS

The 1-2-3's of planning and implementing library and media center programs for ages 12-18. Discussion will include defining this unique target population.

## COME ASK JORDAN ABOUT GO ASK ALICE!

Talk with Jordan Friedman about Columbia University's great, famous and controversial health Q&A web site. (R)

## LIBRARY SKILLS GRADES 9-16: A CONTINUUM OF LIBRARY EDUCATION

You are invited to a discussion on teaching research skills to high school and college students. Participants are asked to come prepared to discuss their teaching experiences, and share examples of the types of assignments used by their faculty. (R)

## SPEND A DAY IN THE LIBRARY

A class spends an entire day in the library with activities planned by the teacher and librarian. Activities can be related to the class curriculum, can be new but related to specific subjects, or can be related to the function of the library.

## MAINLY FICTION - AUTHOR PANEL

Join our panel of Maine authors as they discuss their experience writing fiction. The authors will be available after the program to sign their works in the Vendors Exhibit Area.

## THE WELL-DRESSED ROLE MODEL: JUVENILE BIOGRAPHIES OF WOMEN

How do you make feisty, impetuous women into appropriate role models for nice middle-class girls. A study of juvenile biographies from 1946 on shows changing attitudes in the portrayal of famous women's relationship to men, women, children, careers - and clothes.

## GETTING THE "SCOOP"

An informational session on the new SCOOP contract. Vendor representatives will be on hand to answer questions about the updated contract.

## MAINE INFO NET - INTRODUCTION TO THE FULL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

One of the new services created by the Maine Info Net project, FMS offers libraries a cooperative approach to automating circulation, cataloging, the public access catalog, acquisitions and serials. The program will demonstrate the FMS and answer questions about its operation.

## MONDAY, May 8th

## SAFETY ON THE INTERNET - YARMOUTH'S APPROACH

In this session, we'll explore the decision making process which Yarmouth followed and suggest questions participants may wish to ask as they attempt to walk this educational and legal tightrope.



## COPYRIGHT AND LIBRARIES

An overview of "Fair Use" [section 107] as it pertains to libraries and update on current changes of the copyright law since the passage of the 1998 *Digital Millenium Copyright Act*.

## CH-CH-CH- CHANGES: MOVING IN, AROUND AND OUT OF THE LIBRARY PROFESSION

Explore the exciting, exhilarating and intimidating reality of job-changes in the 90's with 3 librarians who have done it all.

## TERRIFIC CONNECTIONS WITH AUTHORS, ILLUSTRATORS & STORYTELLERS

Explore the many exciting ways to connect with these literary professionals through rich and meaningful "live" visits as well as through e-mail and virtual meetings and chats. (R)

## THE NEWEST MAINE CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Lynn Plourde, co-author of the guidebook "A Celebration of Maine Children's Books," will present the newest Maine Children's Books (1999 & 2000) from toddler up through YA, using booktalks, demonstrating activities, and a handout listing the newest books.

## ELECTRONIC LEARNING MARKETPLACE

The Electronic Learning Marketplace is a lively center on the World Wide Web for the exchange of ideas, information and high quality products related to Maine's goal of promoting students' learning toward clearly defined and rigorous standards.(R)

## SETTING THE STANDARD! INTRODUCING MLA'S NEW STANDARDS DOCUMENT

Members of the Maine Library Association's Standards Committee will present the draft version of the association's revised standards document: *Achieving Quality Public Library Services in Maine*.

## THE GORHAM MODEL: BUILDING A POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TOWN MANAGER, LIBRARY DIRECTOR AND TRUSTEES.

The panel will present a session on how municipal officials, library administrators and trustees can work together in a positive way.(R)

## CREATING AN INVITING LIBRARY: BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT FOR THE ELEMENTARY LIBRARIAN

Will begin by focusing on general behavior management principles then will address specific issues and questions from participants:

## OUTSTANDING GAY-THEMED LITERATURE FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS

The program will feature a discussion of a special traveling book boxes project sponsored by the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network of Southern Maine and funded by a Teaching Tolerance grant from the Southern Poverty Law Center.



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## MAKING A CONNECTION BETWEEN BOOKSTORES AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

How to develop a working relationship with your local friendly bookstore and how to use bookselling techniques in your library. Joint programming, displays, book discussion groups, and publicity ideas will be presented.

## RESEARCH: SIX STEPS TO SUCCESS

The elementary school focus on a K-12 Research Strand in Cape Elizabeth will be presented using materials to suggest lessons and showing slides from a culminating activity, Research Night.

## WHAT'S A FILTER — AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

Join Michael Sims of the *Censorware Project* and others for a discussion of how filters work and the implications of their use in libraries.

## MORE SISTERS-IN-CRIME - AUTHOR PANEL

They're back! Join our panel of authors as they share the secrets of their successful careers in and around the art of the whodunnit. The authors will be available after the program for book signing in the Vendors Exhibit Area.

## SUPPORT STAFF ROUND TABLE

Concerns, suggestions, questions for support staffers as we face the new century. Some topics we might consider - How will our jobs change? Do we need more education? - Bring your ideas! We will also include a brief MLSSA meeting at the end of our session.

## THE "ALL NEW, COMPLETELY RE-WORKED" CYASS AWARD RECEPTION.

The Children's & Young Adult Services Section invites you to join us for a special event! The 1999 Lupine and Maine Student Book Awards will be presented at this time followed by an Ice Cream Smorgasbord. (See packet insert for additional details.).

## PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS: BASIC REFERENCE SOURCES

Participants will explore free web-based databases that help patrons answer their questions about trademarks and patents, and discuss related resources that are available for small business owners and inventors.

## E-RATE UPDATE

Join Edna Comstock and the E-rate Team as they bring you up to date on changes in the Federal E-rate program...

## AVID CINEMA FOR VIDEO EDITING

A demonstration of Avid's software use plus a candid discussion of its pros and cons. Student work presently being completed in "Basic Video Production" at BRHS will be featured along with curriculum highlights and websites integrated into the course.

## SPLICING & DICING: AUDIOVISUAL TROUBLESHOOTING

The program will consider the repair & assessment of damage to audiovisual materials: tapes, videos, CDs. Participants are encouraged to bring problems from their own collections for diagnosis and surgery.

## THE OSTRICH OR THE INTERNET: MORE LEGAL ISSUES & THE NET

Back by popular demand attorney Chris Hanson, whose broad experience in Internet cases involving the *First Amendment* and libraries made him so popular last year, will discuss background, legal precedent, and issues involving libraries and the Internet. (R)

## MAINE LEARNING RESULTS & LIBRARY MEDIA CENTERS

Focused on Maine Learning Results, this program will center on a working model for collaborating with teachers to develop inquiry-based curriculum.

## BEING ERGONOMICALLY COMFORTABLE AT WORK

Ergonomics will be the year 2000 theme for the Maine State Employee Safety Program. Learn what ergonomic issues are associated with library jobs and how to evaluate tasks and equipment in your workplace.

## MAINE INFO NET - UPDATE AND DISCUSSION OF STATEWIDE ILL IMPLICATIONS

Maine Info Net is transforming library service in many Maine libraries. Learn about the latest milestones in implementing the system, and join in a discussion of the implications for resource sharing methods and patterns.

## NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH - AUTHOR PANEL

Join our authors as they share the world of adult non-fiction writers. After the program, our authors will be available for book signing in the Vendors Exhibit Area.

## THE NEXT STEP: BRINGING STUDENTS TO AN ARCHIVE

Designed for archivists, librarians and teachers at all levels to explore ways they can get students into archival repositories, this session will review various programs which utilize archival repositories and will discuss exercises that might be of use to archivists, librarians and social studies educators.

## INFORMATION LITERACY - WHERE DID WE COME FROM? WHERE ARE WE GOING?

In an update of their wonderful presentation at the MASL Fall Conference, three school librarians (Elementary, Middle School and High School) discuss their information literacy programs, and how those programs are aligned with the state's learning results.

## MATERIALS FOR TEENS.

This session will look at how teens develop emotionally, physically, and intellectually and how learning about these ideas can help librarians make good choices about the materials that they have in their libraries.

## BUILDING SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIPS WITH PARENTS

This workshop will outline the components of successful parent involvement programs and provide the participant with practical tips and tools for engaging parents more meaningfully in their volunteer program.

## Membership Information

### Maine Library Association

To apply for Maine Library Association membership contact: **Joan Kiszely at 1-800-452-8786**. For more information about MLA go to: [www.mainerlibraries.org](http://www.mainerlibraries.org)

### Maine Association of School Libraries

To apply for Maine Association of School Libraries membership contact: **Edna Comstock** by phone: 207-287-5620, by email: [edna.comstock@state.me.us](mailto:edna.comstock@state.me.us). For more information about MASL go to [www.MASLibraries.org](http://www.MASLibraries.org)

